

# CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TO:	All Public and Private Schools Participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	ISSUE DATE: January 1999
FROM:	Nutrition Standards Unit	
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
SUBJECT:	Definition of an Entree Under Nutrient Standards Menu Planning	
REFERENCE:	United States Department of Agriculture APB: SP-98-17 and Salad/Theme Bars	

This management bulletin transmits information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on the definition of an entree under the Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (NSMP) system.

As outlined in Attachment I, USDA requires that the entree provide a substantial contribution to the required nutritional standards. For example, a salad composed of only iceberg lettuce and salad dressing does not provide substantial nutrients and is not considered an entree.

Attachment II provides additional information provided by USDA on salad and theme bars.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Schneider, Child Nutrition Consultant, Nutrition Standards Unit, at (916) 322-1566 or leave a message at the toll free number (800) 952-5609.

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## Attachments

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